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1. RE KRUSE'S COMMENT PARA 2C REFTEL, IF EMBASSY FEELS THAT THIS REPRESENTS A SERIOUS FRG VIEW AND NOT MERELY KRUSE'S OWN PREFERENCE, YOU MAY MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE. OUR CHOICE WAS DICTATED BY THE LANGUAGES USED BY THE OECD HIGH LEVEL OIL COMMITTEE WHOSE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN THE BASIS FOR OUR CONFERENCE INVITATIONS. TO DATE WE HAVE HAD NO FORMAL REQUEST FROM ANYONE TO PROVIDE FOR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL LANGUAGES.

3. THE JAPANESE DELEGATION, HOWEVER, PLANS TO BRING THEIR OWN INTERPRETERS AND WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER LANGUAGES, AND PARTICULARLY FOR STATEMENTS DELIVERED IN OTHER LANGUAGES BY PRINCIPALS, UP TO THE LIMIT OF OUR EQUIPMENT. AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO LANGUAGE CHANNELS WHICH REMAIN FREE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO EXPAND THE LIST OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, SINCE EXPERIENCE LEADS US TO BELIEVE WE COULD NOT EASILY EXPAND BY JUST ONE, AND WOULD FACE A REQUEST BY OTHER EC MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ALL OFFICIAL COMMUNITY LANGUAGES. WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ALL EC LANGUAGES EITHER ON OUR EQUIPMENT OR IN TERMS OF AVAILABLE INTERPRETERS. REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETERS FOR STATEMENTS TO BE DELIVERED IN OTHER THAN OFFICIAL LANGUAGES SHOULD BE PASSED BY WASHINGTON EMBASSIES TO THEIR U.S. CONFERENCE LIAISON OFFICERS.
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